

Career Summary
CAPT Willis A. Trawick, M.P.H., P.T.

CAPT Willis Trawick demonstrated the qualities and dedication of the ideal Public Health Service Officer. CAPT Trawick served his country within the Public Health Service for 24 years. He possesses dual degrees in Physical Therapy and Public Health, and during his career has made significant contributions to the Therapist Category that will continue to benefit the Category in years to come.

CAPT Trawick received his Bachelor's of Science from Tuskegee University and a Physical Therapy Degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He received his Master's in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. CAPT Trawick distinguished himself by graduating from the US Army Command and General Staff College. He has certificate level specialty training in prosthetics, neuroanatomy, public administration, rehabilitation, mental health care and sports medicine.

CAPT Willis Trawick served honorably with the U.S. Army Medical Specialist Corp in 1966 and earned the rank of Major. He served in the Veterans Administration 1964-1966, and several USPHS Agencies to include: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA), the National Institutes of Health, The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). Most recently, he served as the Chief of Physical Therapy at Saint Elizabeths Hospital.

While at the National Institutes of Health, he served as the Grants Management Specialist from 1984-1989, and was responsible for the formulation and execution of grants. He performed administrative analyses of grant applications totaling 47 million dollars. CAPT Trawick also served on the Handicapped Employees Committee and the Equal Opportunity Advisory Group. As a Public Health Advisor with the NIAAA (1980-1981) he served as the Principal Federal Representative within the multi-state region with respect to all programmatic aspects of 36 Alcoholism Programs. He has also provided consultation and technical assistance on alcoholism treatment issues within this Region.

While at Saint Elizabeths he developed and implemented pilot studies and demonstration projects that use physical therapy and strategic planning as part of a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, long-term care plan. He also developed assessment tools utilized to evaluate rehabilitation potential and functional maintenance needs. He even implemented a fall and fracture prevention program that resulted in an 82% reduction in falls.

As a Therapist Category and SAMHSA representative, CAPT Willis Trawick was appointed by Acting Surgeon General, ADM Audrey F. Manley to serve as a Member of the first OSG Commissioned Corp Medical Readiness Coordinating Board . He was reappointed to the Board in June of 1996, which was later named the Commissioned

Corp Readiness Force. He was formally recognized and endorsed for this position by Assistant Surgeon General Kenneth Moritsugu. As a result of CAPT Trawick's efforts, two of the Therapist Category Officers had an opportunity to serve with the CCRF at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, in response to the Kosovo Refugee Crisis. CAPT Trawick was also instrumental in developing training programs and standards to enable Therapist Category Officers to earn the Field Medical Readiness Badge. CAPT Trawick utilized his medical skills when he was deployed with the National Disaster Medical System Clearing/Staging Unit (DMAT) for a metropolitan EMS disaster event April 22nd through April 26th in 1999. RADM Kenneth Moritsugu recognized CAPT Trawick for his energy and expertise in his work with the CCRF.

CAPT Willis Trawick also served as a Member of the Surgeon General's Therapist Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC) for two very productive terms (1994-2000). He was responsible for the implementation of the videoteleconferencing of the TPAC meeting to enable all Therapists within the Category to participate. He was recognized by the TPAC for serving as a moderator at the 1988 USPHS-COA Annual conference. In addition, he co-presented a professional paper at the 1997 USPHS-COA Annual conference entitled "The Effect of Exercise on People with Chronic Mental Illness Residing in a Long Term Care Facility". He also was the Therapist Category Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty-Organization (NATO) 50th Anniversary. Furthermore CAPT Trawick has participated in quarterly Uniformed Services Meetings. CAPT Kenneth Diepold, Chief of the Division of Commissioned Personnel Department, formally recognized CAPT Trawick for the administrative support that he provided to the 2000 Appointment Board. CAPT Diepold wrote of CAPT Trawick's service, "Your spirit of cooperation greatly furthered the appointment board process and allowed for timely appointment of many applicants. Your willingness to serve despite your workload was invaluable." CAPT Trawick also served as Chairman of the Standards for Training and Experience work group to improve appointment standards of the Public Health Service. He also served as an Associate Recruiter for the USPHS, and was a Representative to the Black commissioned Officers Advisory Group. CAPT Trawick has also been a reviewer for the Bilingual/Bicultural Demonstration Grant Program.

In addition to a full workload, CAPT Trawick held numerous academic positions over the years to include Graduate-level Instructor with the University of Maryland, and Assistant Professor for Howard University, School of Allied Health Sciences. At Howard University he taught two graduate courses: Principles of Chronic Disease Control and Geriatric Management, and Psychology of Disability. He also served on the Howard University Physical Therapy Board of Admissions. CAPT Trawick also served as an instructor of Therapeutic Techniques at the Tuskegee University, Department of Health and Physical Education. He also worked as consultant to the Hospital for Sick Children, in Washington, DC

CAPT Trawick's community service record is outstanding and unprecedented. He has served as President of the Board of Directors for the Washington-Tuskegee Board of Housing. During his term, unrestricted tuition gifts to needy college students totaled over \$90,000. He was also on the Board of Directors for the First Baptist Church of Highland

Park Christian Academy and continues to serve as parliamentarian for the Washington-Tuskegee Alumni Club. Furthermore, he was recognized for his leadership as coordinator for a District of Columbia toy drive.

For his work and community service, CAPT Willis Trawick has received many awards and much deserved recognition. He is the recipient of the 2001 Therapist Category William Fromherz Award, three USPHS Commendation Medals, the National Emergency Preparedness Service Ribbon, and the Regular Corp Ribbon. He was named Who's Who in North Carolina, and was awarded the United Negro College Fund Leadership Award, The National Association of American Business Men Scholarship, The United Cerebral Palsy Fellowship, and the National Association of Schools and Public Affairs and Administration Fellowship.

CAPT Willis Trawick was well-prepared to meet the varied challenges of the Public Health Service. He has paved the way for other junior therapist officers to be eligible to work in PHS non-clinical care agencies. His consultation and mentorship has benefited several Therapist Category Officers. CAPT Willis Trawick's training and experience add up to a wealth of knowledge and a valuable asset to the Public Health Service. We applaud his outstanding career and exceptional accomplishments.